



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 22, 2023



City News

Santa and the Fire Department spreading holiday cheer throughout DuPont!

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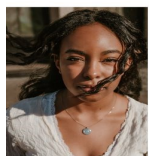
Parks and Recreation

NATURE & PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

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Parks & Recreation
www.DuPontWA.gov



NATURE WITH KATE LYNCH
SATURDAYS • 10AM-NOON • \$139



PEOPLE WITH LYNSEY STRADER
SATURDAYS • 1PM-3PM • \$139

CLASSES:
January 20, 27,
February 10, 2024

FIELD TRIP:
February 3, 2024

REGISTER HERE:
www.DuPontWAPhoto.com

Nature & People Photography Classes

Whether you want to capture birds in flight or a beautiful scene in one of Washington's parks, your ticket to stellar images is knowing how to use your digital camera and understanding visual composition. Parks & Recreation is proud to offer a fantastic opportunity to learn the photography of people and nature this winter. Classes will be taught by professional photographers Kate Lynch and Lynsey Strader starting January 20. This would make a fantastic gift for the holidays! Registration information can be found here: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>

City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

Senior 2024 LUNCH & MOVIE

January 16
February 6
March 19

\$10 + TAX
INCLUDES LUNCH
& MOVIE TICKET!

EVENT REGISTRATION AND MOVIE CHOICES WILL BE POSTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF EVENT DATE



[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes)

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation

NEW YEARS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Celebrate the New Year with us!
Bring a friend or make a new one!

JANUARY 26, 2024 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Join us for lunch, warm drinks
and new friendships!

\$10 Please RSVP by calling
253-964-8121
by Jan 22. Payment at door.

Community Center
303 Barksdale Ave.
DuPont, WA

2024 Senior Social

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26 at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (Cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes)
([dupontwa.gov](https://www.dupontwa.gov))

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation

TEEN Night OUT

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Race the clock in these fast paced, minute to win it games! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes!

AGES 13-18 **\$10 PER TEEN**
PRICE INCLUDES DINNER

JAN. 19 2024 | 6:45 - 8:15 PM
DuPont Community Center - REGISTRATION
303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont CLOSING JAN. 16

January Teen Night Out - Minute To Win It

Friday, January 19, 2024

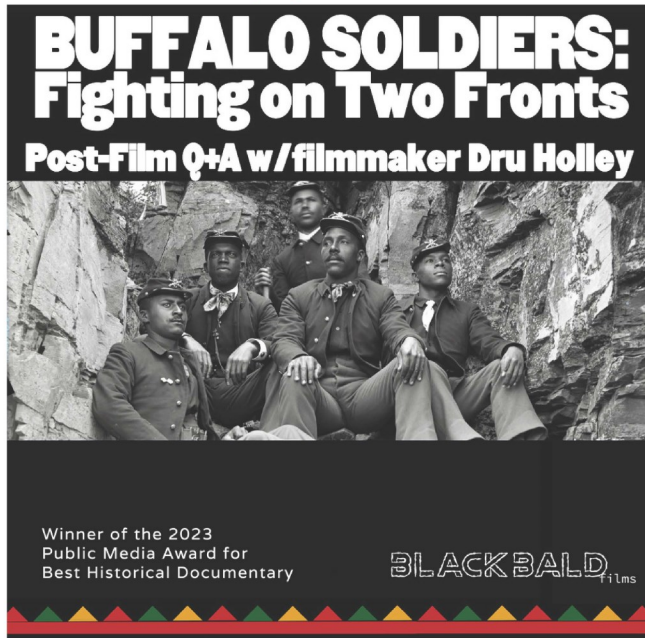
6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Bring a friend and test out your skills as you race the clock in these fast-paced, minute to win it games! There is a game for everyone! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes. \$10 per child, includes all games and dinner. Sign up by January 16th!

Sign up here:

[Teen Events and Programs | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes)
([dupontwa.gov](https://www.dupontwa.gov))

Film screening funded by Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust
and Nisqually Delta Association



4:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4th 2024
Eagle's Pride Golf Course
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA

\$3 SUGGESTED DONATION

recommended for ages 13 and up



DUPONT ☆
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com
(253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com

Buffalo Soldiers Film Screening at the DuPont Historical Museum

The documentary film "Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts" will be shown at Eagle's Pride Golf Course and followed by Q&A with filmmaker Dru Holley. "In 1866, six all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments were created after Congress passed the Army Organization Act. They came to be known as Buffalo Soldiers. The film explores the often contradictory role played by the Buffalo Soldiers throughout American history, with particular emphasis on the settling of the American West."

The film won the 2023 Public Media Award for Best Historical Documentary. The event is funded with grants from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust and the Nisqually Delta Association.

Recommended for ages 13 and up.

duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or

(253) 820-3656

2024 Cherry Blossom Tea

The annual Cherry Blossom Tea put on by the DuPont Historical Society will be held at Eagle's Pride. This year's theme is "Stitches in Time" where we will explore the history of quilting. The guest speaker will be quilt historian Phyllis Beaver who will have a few of her own quilts on display.

Join the Historical Society on Saturday, March 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a wonderful afternoon of tea and hors d'oeuvres. This event is sponsored by CalPortland.

Tickets on sale now. For ticket sales or more information

contact duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or
(253) 459-4339.

Eagles Pride Golf Course - 1529 Mounts Rd SW,
DuPont, WA 98327

DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS *Stitches in Time* 2024 CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA

featuring Phyllis Beaver, Quilt Historian

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Eagle's Pride, DuPont, WA

Advance \$35 per person
tickets only: \$264 per table of 8

BENEFITING THE DUPONT MUSEUM

Reservations & info: 253.459.4339 or
duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/

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Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>



STEILACOOM HISTORICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

DONATE TODAY!

SHEF CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF GIVING!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR SHEF 30th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP!
This special scholarship will be funded fully by YOU – our community!

Join us in a celebration of 30 years of impact and to support a Steilacoom HS Graduating Senior.



Join us with a gift of \$30, \$130 or whatever you feel comfortable giving. Please select the Anniversary Scholarship in the donation process. To donate: Scan the QR code, go to our website Shefonline.com and scroll down to the donate button on the home page or send a check. Thank you for your support!

SHEF, P.O. Box 88576, Steilacoom, WA 98388. Please contact SHEFinfo@gmail.com with any questions.



SHEF is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to encouraging and enabling excellence in education in the schools of the Steilacoom Historical School District. The Steilacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event/information and the district assumes no responsibility for it.

Message from Dr. Weight:

January is School Board Recognition Month and is a perfect time to recognize the value of our school board's work with our district and community. SHSD's School Board has a strong history of providing extraordinary service to help students reach their incredible potential.

Our school board directors volunteer hundreds of hours to assure our schools are providing the best education for every student. They are responsible for developing a vision that guides our school district for years to come. I feel very fortunate to work alongside our school board directors and appreciate their advocacy and dedication to public education and to our students.

Through a collaborative approach with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in Steilacoom Historical School District. At our December Board meeting, our school board directors voted on the governance goals for the year. Community outreach and a focus on professional development were two areas they chose to prioritize. We are grateful each of them has chosen to give selflessly of their time and energy to support our students' success. You can learn more about each board member by visiting our website at <https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/who-we-are/school-board>.

We appreciate their dedication, their talents and their collective vision. Please join me in thanking the members of our school board for their service:

- Sam Scott (21st year)
- Jennifer McDonald (7th year)
- Loujanna Rohrer (5th year)
- Melanie Tinsley (3rd year)
- Patrick Lewis (1st year)



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			4
(11) Structure Fire	Mutual Aid	1	6
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			7
(14) Natural vegetation fire			11
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		15	604
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	39
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other			54
(51) Person in distress			13
(52) Water Problem			1
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			2
(55) Public service assistance		1	38
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			10
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route			49
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			18
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			4
(73) System or detector malfunction			31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)			20
(91) Citizen complaint			2
Unknown			0
TOTALS		18	963

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	123
Mary Bridge		65
St. Clare	2	130
St. Joseph	2	44
St. Peters	2	14
Tacoma General		18
TOTAL	8	395

ALS	9	408
BLS	7	233

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	205
0800-1649	11	460
1700-2359	3	298
TOTAL	18	963

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	3	112
Monday	4	114
Tuesday	4	143
Wednesday	2	172
Thursday	3	166
Friday	2	136
Saturday		120
TOTAL	18	963

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	4	74
DPF Provided	2	57
Multiple Calls	4	118

Safety Message - Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

Christmas Trees

- * If you have a live tree, put a fresh cut on the trunk and keep its base full of water so it doesn't dry out. Here's what having a dry tree can mean where fire is concerned.
- * When your healthy tree does dry out after the holidays, throw it away ASAP.
- * Keep candles and other heat sources away from your tree.
- * Don't over-use Christmas lights to prevent short circuits.
- * Don't leave Christmas lights on when you're away from the tree.
- * Don't use your tree as firewood. Christmas trees can be full of resin, which can pop and cause chimney fires.



Decorations and Traditions

- * Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations are full of candles, so make sure to keep yours away from flammable curtains and decorations.
- * Choose flame-resistant decorations.
- * Use clips instead of nails to hang lights on your home to prevent damaging the wiring.



Cooking

- * Don't leave the ovens, burners, or other appliances unattended. Unattended equipment is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- * Even though frying a turkey is usually discouraged, we know how irresistibly delicious they are. Just be careful. Make sure to defrost your bird properly and don't overfill the container you're frying in with oil.
- * Do not pour water on a grease fire. If a grease fire breaks out, cover it with a metal (not glass) container, and use baking soda or a chemical fire extinguisher to put it out. If the fire catches the kitchen itself, evacuate and call 911.



Wishing you a
Fire-safe Holiday!



City News

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following upcoming days:

- Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day.
- Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 15th, in celebration of MLK Day.





Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 12/11/23 – 12/17/23: 214
Average per day: 30.57

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

08 Agency Assist
01 Animal Bite
03 Citizen Assist
07 Community Oriented Policing
03 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation
01 Juvenile Issue
01 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Paper Service (Protection Order)
01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard
(attempt to locate)
01 Suicide Threat
03 Suspicious Vehicle
53 Traffic Stops
02 Traffic Complaint
01 Trespass
01 Unknown Trouble
02 Welfare Check
01 Parking Complaint

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Motor Vehicle Theft
02 Theft
01 Theft from Vehicle
02 Vandalism

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

02 Fraud/Identity Theft

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers participated in ongoing training.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

*****HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SCAM AWARENESS*****

Please take a moment to watch this important public safety message from our friends at the Pinole Police Department. While we have received no specific reports of the scam within DuPont, it is still a great tip to know while you are shopping for gifts during this holiday season.

<https://www.facebook.com/100064877792731/posts/772196184952968/?mibextid=I2hJJHjNVOBSwHk4>

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
 - To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
 - If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060
- If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



Download on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

DPD HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY REMINDERS



As we enter the first major holiday of the season, your safety is our top priority, and we encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the importance of gratitude, unity, and community during this special time. Please remember to:

TRAVEL SAFELY

If you're hitting the road, ensure your journey is smooth by obeying traffic laws and driving responsibly.



SECURE YOUR HOME

Whether you're traveling or staying local, take steps to secure your residence and belongings.

CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

If your celebrations involve alcohol, designate a sober driver or use alternative transportation options.



BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS

Extend kindness and consideration to those around you, fostering a community spirit that makes DuPont a wonderful place to live.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. DIAL 911 FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

City Council and Calendars

Next regular City Council Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024

Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.



STATE OF THE CITY & CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

On January 9, 2024, at the Regular Council Meeting, the Mayor will address the citizens of DuPont with the State of the City. The agenda for this meeting will also include the ceremonial swearing in of the new Councilmembers, Shawna Gasak, Tom Wargo, and re-elected Councilmember Kevin Ballard and Mayor Ronald Frederick.

The meeting will be streamed on YouTube Live on the City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).



Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



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Agenda**



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
12/24/2023		DuPont Historical Museum CLOSED
12/25/2023		City Hall CLOSED
12/26/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting—CANCELED
1/1/2024		City Hall CLOSED
1/1/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting—CANCELED
1/8/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
1/8/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
1/9/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
1/9/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
1/15/2024		City Hall CLOSED
1/23/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
1/16/2024	Senior Lunch & Movie	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/20/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/20/2024	People Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

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